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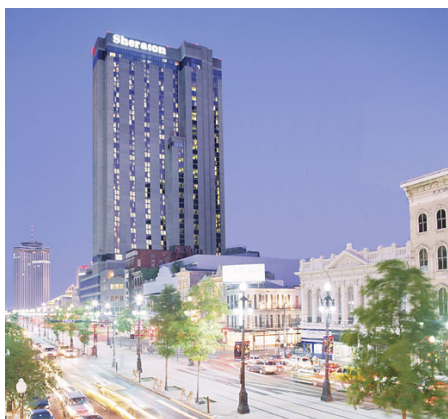
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2005 NAAE Convention



Sheraton New Orleans Hotel

***December 6-10, 2005
New Orleans, Louisiana***

**Sheraton New Orleans
(and Ernest N. Morial Convention Center)**

500 Canal Street

New Orleans, LA 70130

For Hotel Reservations: (800) 424-5250

(specify National Association
Of Agricultural Educators Convention)

Reservations must be made by November 7, 2005

\$139 per night (plus taxes)
for single or double occupancy

DRAFT -- 2005 NAAE/ACTE Ag Ed Division Convention Schedule -- DRAFT
December 6-10
New Orleans, Louisiana

Tuesday, December 6

8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.	NAAE Board of Directors Meeting
12:00–7:00 p.m.	NAAE Convention Registration
2:00–5:30 p.m.	NAAE Teachers Turn the Key Professional Development Sessions I & II (by invitation only)
2:00–5:00 p.m.	NAAE Optional Off-site Tours (tickets sold in advance)
6:00–8:30 p.m.	NAAE Award Dinners (Outstanding Middle/Secondary School Program, Outstanding Postsecondary/Adult Program, and Outstanding Teacher – by invitation only)

Wednesday, December 7

7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	NAAE Convention Registration
7:30–8:00 a.m.	NAAE Continental Breakfast
8:00–9:00 a.m.	NAAE/ACTE Ag Ed Division General Session I
8:00–9:00 a.m.	NAAE Spouses' Meet-and-Greet
9:00–12:00	NAAE Spouses Event (to be determined)
9:15–10:45 a.m.	NAAE Regional Meetings I (six separate break-outs – one for each NAAE region)
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	NAAE Committee Meetings I (seven separate break-outs – one for each NAAE standing committee)
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	NAAE Teachers Turn the Key Professional Development Session III (by invitation only)
12:00–1:30 p.m.	NAAE State Presidents' Luncheon (by invitation only)
1:30–4:30 p.m.	NAAE Professional Development Workshops
2:00–4:30 p.m.	NAAE Teachers Turn the Key Professional Development Session IV (by invitation only)
5:00–6:00 p.m.	NAAE/ACTE Ag Ed Division General Session II
6:00–7:00 p.m.	NAAE John Deere Reception (in honor of the Outstanding Young Members)
7:00–9:30 p.m.	NAAE Outstanding Young Member Award Dinner (by invitation only)

Thursday, December 8

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	NAAE Convention Registration
8:30–10:30 a.m.	ACTE Opening General Session
10:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.	ACTE Career Tech Expo (dedicated time to network with exhibitors)
1:00–4:00 p.m.	ACTE Professional Development Breakout Sessions (Mega Issues–Legislation, Advocacy, etc.–and Exhibitor Workshops)
5:00–6:00 p.m.	NAAE Committee Meetings II
6:00–7:30 p.m.	ACTE President's Reception
7:00–9:00 p.m.	NAAE Host State Social (Mississippi River boat cruise with dinner – tickets sold in advance)

Friday, December 9

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	NAAE Convention Registration
8:30–9:30 a.m.	ACTE General Session
10:15–11:15 a.m.	NAAE Regional Meetings II
11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	NAAE/ACTE Ag Ed Division Luncheon
1:30–4:30 p.m.	NAAE Optional Off-site Tours (tickets sold in advance)
5:00–7:00 p.m.	NAAE Organizational Members and Partners Reception (with Ideas Unlimited exhibits)

Saturday, December 10

8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.	NAAE Convention Registration
8:30–9:30 a.m.	ACTE General Session
10:00–11:15 a.m.	NAAE Professional Development Breakout Sessions
12:00–2:30 p.m.	NAAE/ACTE Ag Ed Division General Session III and Business Sessions
3:00–4:00 p.m.	NAAE Board of Directors Meeting
4:30–6:00 p.m.	ACTE Assembly of Delegates
7:30–10:30 p.m.	ACTE Wrap Party

"A Scattered Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste"

by Tony Boehm—NDAAE President

I have had the great opportunity to attend two National Association of Agricultural Educators programs since the last "Ag and I", and I would like to share some things from these two events.

The NAAE National Convention was Dec 7 – 11 in (not so) sunny Las Vegas. While there, ND members attended curriculum workshops, regional and committee meetings, the trade show, and of course general sessions. Our voting delegates dealt with a number of issues as well. The motion to increase the NAAE dues by \$10 was passed by the voting body. Don't worry, we are not in the financial position that the ACTE was in, and there will be no "one time special assessment". There have been changes to the structure of our Ag Ed family. The Council, which used to raise money through the sale of curriculum, is back to where it started. Its purpose is to be a think-tank, and coordinate activities between the National FFA Organization, the NAAE, the Alumni, and other partners in Agricultural Education. This change means less financial support from the Council to the NAAE. Additional dues income allows Jay Jackman, our Executive Director, to spend more time on Capital Hill, and supports additional staff in the NAAE office. We were assured that our professional organization is in good financial standing. In addition, another motion was passed to add \$2 for legislative advocacy efforts. There is no doubt that Carl Perkins funding is under attack, and that we cannot afford to lose this funding stream to Career and Technical Education. Legislative advocacy is more important than ever. I truly believe that these increases in our annual dues will better position the NAAE for the future and will help to create a stronger organization with more benefits to our members. \$12 more in dues is well worth it when we think about the thousands of dollars that we each receive in Perkins funding. Finally, congratulations to JoDee Free and Beau Anderson for being honored with the Teacher Turn the Key program, and to JoDee for being recognized as the Region III recipient of the Outstanding Young Teacher award.

The National Ag Ed In-service was held in Indianapolis IN on Feb. 3 – 5. Z, Doug, Beth, Anissa, and myself attended sessions dealing with each of the areas that we represent, and created some plans on how each area could work together to improve all of Agricultural Education. What a conference, and what an honor it was to rub elbows with all of the "big wigs" from around the country! If we accomplish just a few of the many ideas we discussed, it would be a huge success. I feel good about the direction our profession is headed, and confident that we will overcome the challenges that we currently face.

FFA Alumni

by Joel Lemer

There were a total of thirteen applications from four FFA Alumni Affiliates for the ND FFA Alumni WLC Scholarships. A panel of four Ag Ed Instructors judged the scholarship applications and named the following winners:

National FFA Alumni WLC Scholarship: Brandt Lemer—Carrington

ND State FFA Alumni WLC Scholarships: Mitchel Becker—Minot
Melanie Haugen—Garrison
Jessica Schwab—Lisbon

There were several outstanding applications. Congratulations to these winners!

Integration of Math, Science, and English in Agricultural Education

by Tony Boehm—NDACTE President

We in Agricultural Education love to talk about how our students are taught academic and career/technical skills together in a challenging environment. There is no doubt that some of you are wonderful math, science, and English teachers, as well as Agricultural Education instructors. However, Agricultural Education is being challenged on a national scale from many different areas. Research done in the south east states has shown that students enrolled in Ag Ed fall way behind in Mathematics and Science. The fact that students take elective courses means that they take less advanced math, science, and language arts. With pressure from No Child Left Behind, states/school districts will be forced to meet standards in academic areas, not career and technical areas. That means more focus on math, English, and science scores, and less time and funding for elective programs.

Some Ag Ed programs are taking proactive approach. At both the conferences in Las Vegas and Indianapolis, we saw examples of programs from Kansas, Florida, Nebraska, and Indiana that are implementing very challenging curriculum in math, English, and science. Ag programs are creating partnerships with other teachers in their building, state Departments of Education, and business/industry. We in North Dakota need to do some of the same. I am not talking about statewide initiatives just yet, although that is not a bad idea. Right now, I just want to give some examples of simple things we can do in our classrooms that will help us to defend our programs, and definitively prove that we do in fact teach academic curriculum. It is not enough to say we teach math, we need to show it with student results.

Have students graph using MS Excel. Measure plant height, germination percentages, electrical resistance, soil water holding capacity, or animal growth. Many of you do these things, but take it one step further and put this data into a computer. Have students write more. Require a typed manuscript with a speech. I personally need to require less PowerPoint presentations that use incomplete sentences, and more reports. Give more short informal speeches. Coordinate lessons with other teachers. How about this. While students are studying genetics, have them cross different colors of Indian corn. Complete a few lessons on probability/statistics and graph the results. Then assign a writing assignment dealing with their work, and give a short speech about their findings. Again, we can't just talk about how agriculture is applied math, science and language, we need to prove it to those who do not spend time in our programs.

Try some of these in your class before the year is up. I challenge each of us, myself included, to take some time over the summer to review our curriculum and identify where we could teach agriculture, and at the same time, meet some other objectives.

Dues Increase

by Tim Aichele—NDACTE President Elect

The NDAAE dues will be increasing for the coming year. If you are an active member your total dues package will go up \$12 from \$190 to \$202 for NAAE, NDAAE, ACTE and NDACTE. Two dollars of the increase will go to The Council and \$10.00 is ear-marked for advocacy. These changes were passed by a 2/3 majority of those present at the annual in Las Vegas last December. Below is the complete dues package changes that were approved at the convention.

1. Active and direct membership dues will go from \$50.00 to \$60.00.
2. Associate and retired membership dues will go from \$25.00 to \$35.00.
3. Student membership dues will go from \$5.00 to \$10.00.
4. Active life membership dues will go from \$500.00 to "twenty times the active and direct membership dues rate."
5. Associate life membership dues shall go from \$250.00 to "twenty times the associate membership dues rate."

ND Hosts Region III by Tim Aichele—NDAAE President Elect

The NDAAE hosted the NAAE Region III Conference in Beulah June 21-23 with over 80 NAAE members and guests from WI, MN, NE, IA, SD, and ND participating in the tours, workshops, and business and committee meetings. There was plenty of good food and fellowship as well.

NAAE National President Jeff Maierhofer (IL) and Region III Vice President Paul Larson (WI) presented an advocacy workshop Tuesday. It was very helpful in showing how quickly we can have access to our legislators. Time efficient emails can be made by using the NAAE web site at <http://www.naae.org>. It is worth checking out. It is very easy to use.

Members heard from National FFA representative Larry Gossen who gave us an update on the FFA convention move to Indianapolis among other issues.

Committee work that was done will be taken to the NAAE National Conference in New Orleans in December. It was great to have so many North Dakotans in on the process of providing direction for our professional organization.

Conference attendees had the option of touring the Antelope Valley Electric Generating Station, The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and Fort Mandan at Washburn, or golfing Tuesday afternoon. All attendees took part in tours of the Dakota Gasification Company and Coteau Freedom Coal Mine.

The conference wasn't all meetings and tours though. Tuesday evening was quite entertaining as the states competed in the Ag. Olympics (North Dakota Ag. teacher style) during the Family Picnic at Riverside Park. Dan Walsvik prepared some awesome smoked barbeque turkeys which were the highlight of a delicious meal.

Cowboy humorist Rodney Nelson entertained the group during the Wednesday luncheon with "Mylo Hatzenbuehler" sharing humor that all the "aggies" could relate to during the Conference Banquet Wednesday night.

Sponsors of the Region III Conference were RDO Equipment Company, ND Farm Business Management Association, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, and the Beulah Convention & Visitors' Bureau.



NAAE members listen as tour guides explain the details of the coal fired Antelope Valley Electric Generating Station near Beulah.



The ND delegation to the Region III in Beulah.



The back seat driving contest was one of many ag Olympic events put on by the recreation committee during the Region III conference.



Hazen Ag Instructor, Dan Walsvik, BBQ'd smoked turkeys for the family picnic at the Region III Conference in Beulah.

NDAAE President with banquet entertainer Mylo Hatzenbuehler.



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Annual Ag Teacher In-service in Beulah Pictures



Bobbi Bingemann, NDSU Equine Specialist steering her little horse named Dave Axt.



Ag Teachers practicing the correct technique on steering their horse.

Salary Survey—from 2004-05 Reimbursement Claims—Secondary Instructors By Doug Vannurden

Extended Contract Length	40-60 days = 57%
	20-30 days = 38%
	Less than 20 days = 5%

(Of those with 20 or less days extended contracts, 44% are second or 3rd teacher in a multiple teacher department.)

2005 Average Extended Contract Salary	\$ 7,274.00
2005 Average Salary <u>TOTAL</u>	\$40,514.00
2005 Average Beginning Teacher Salary	\$28,715.00
2005 Average FFA Pay (45% reported this)	\$ 2,449.00